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Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 12:10 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject:

THE LEVERAGE ON

From: Ming Mao <ming.mao@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 12:36 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

Dear CFTC,

I strongly opposes the proposal to limit leverage to 10:1

I strongly believe that limiting leverage to 10:1 is highly restrictive and discriminatory against retail clients because it limits their trading choices. The proposed limit is not in the best interest of the trading public.

Thank you very much.

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From: trade2now <trade2now@austcoms.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 12:45 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: LEAVE FOREX AS IS

Please leave the FOREX system as it is so as not to crusify us small traders.
LEAVE IT AT 100 to 1
PETER R
AUSTRALIA

From: Ismail Akmuradov <ismailakmuradov@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 1:17 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

Dear CFTC ,

The proposal to reduce the leverage assumes that traders are not using leverage properly. Having leveraging capabilities isn't tantamount to over-leveraging one's positions, and this is what the proposal is failing to recognize; instead, leverage merely allows a trader to exercise exact risk management in relation to the size of their positions. For instance, if a trader wished to risk only 1% of their total capital per position, they would use leverage to determine the amount that they are willing to risk per pip, based on the size of their stop loss. Having leveraging capabilities allows a trader to dynamically adjust the size of their stop, so as to accommodate the current volatility levels of the market, while still maintaining a fixed position risk, regardless of whether they are risking 10 pips or 1000 pips.

Conversely, not having such leverage available will likely negatively impact traders who are using appropriate risk management. Reducing the leverage means that you will have less available margin for active positions, even if you are risking the same amount in both scenarios. This means that such traders are more likely to experience a margin call, assuming a consistent position risk, if the leveraging allowances were to be reduced

The most unpalatable part is that the proposal suggests not only to limit the leverage - they evidently intend to practically eliminate it. Anyone who trades the forex markets knows that this would effectively put an end to US-based retail forex trading, since very few people would be able to properly trade under such a mandate. US-based FCMs would go out of business, and US-based traders would invest their money with overseas brokers.

The proposal sadly appeals to the lowest common denominator: the people who over-leverage positions with inappropriate stop-losses. In doing so, they consequently hurt all of the traders who trade with appropriate risk management, and merely use leverage as a necessary and responsible tool.

From: Dhake Prakash <dhake.p21@rediffmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 2:05 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: REGULATION OF RETAIL FOREX

Dear Sir ,

With due respect, I would like to humbly state that , as I am a beginner to FOREX TRADING ,it is a shocking and surprising msg to me as the future and aspirant trader, the leverage was one of the factor as the most attractive . if the proposed rule is accepted , this will disappoint the beginners all over the world. they will be discouraged from getting into the FOREX .

PLEASE do stand for old leverage pattern .

Thanking you !

Regards!

Trully yours,

MR Prakash Dhake

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From: David Monroe <vipass@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 2:49 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Farm Bill

After reviewing the proposed regulation to the Retail Forex market, I am strongly against this proposal. I am in agreement that some of the proposed regulations involving the integrity of firms that offer Spot Forex to the public should be regulated to protect the public. But am completely against the imposing the leverage limitations to the retail trader. This is a perfect example of Big Government going once again too far. I don't feel that I need to have the Gov't tell me how I should invest. It is grossly apparent that the Gov't has done a horrible job of managing and investing the public's money.

I think you should rethink this proposal because you might just create a bigger overseas market which you won't have any control over.

Regards, Concerned Citizen

From: Gregg Kendall <fxgregg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 4:07 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

Dear sir/madam,

This is just a quick note to express my concern and disbelief over the proposed changes to leverage for retail traders in the Forex Market. The proposed change to limit leverage to 10:1 will make it nearly impossible for the retail trader to make significant money from trading the Forex markets.

If there is an issue with leverage and the retail trader then it is one of education and will not be addressed by limiting the leverage available. I would humbly suggest that your time and energy, and that of the brokers, is spent educating retail Forex clients to ensure that they are fully aware of the pluses and minus' of leverage in Forex trading as opposed to imposing a sweeping limit on the leverage allowed.

Imposing arbitrary limits on how individuals can trade the Forex market will not solve the problem or save uneducated traders from losing money. At best your ideals are commendable but your plans are badly misjudged and doomed to failure.

Best regards,
Gregg Kendall

From: jans227@cablone.net
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 7:31 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Cc: jans227@cablone.net
Subject: CFTC Proposed Guidelines

Dear Secretary of Commission, I strongly oppose the new proposed regulation to change the leverage in retail forex customers to 10:1. This only hurts many of us who have worked on our trading techniques over many months to years. In order to become the best trader we can be it is necessary to test our strategies in real time with real money. The average retail trading account is less than \$5,000(USD). This proposed regulation if passed will favor only the very largely funded traders or the institutional trader. For many like myself 100:1 leverage is the only way I may start my trading career. Sincerely, James Nobles

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From: Ken <ken.winters@tx.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 8:19 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Cc: cftcfeedback@fxdd.com
Subject: Proposed regulations

As a retired, private investor currently engaged in trading in the Forex market I implore you to NOT make any changes in FX regulations, especially any changes which would restrict the small investors from participating in this market.

I am vehemently opposed to ANY changes in current FOREX regulations.

Sincerely,

*Ken Winters
Arlington, Texas, U.S.A.*

REF:

From: jjordan@fxdd.com [mailto:jjordan@fxdd.com]
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2010 11:09 PM
To: ken.winters@tx.rr.com
Subject: CFTC proposed regulations

Dear client,

Thank you for contacting FXDD regarding the new CFTC proposed regulations for retail Forex transactions.

FXDD is opposed to the proposal that would restrict available leverage to 10:1 even for the most widely traded currency pairs and will be actively lobbying against it.

CFTC is collecting feedback on the proposed rules and we recommend strongly that you voice your concern for or against the proposal. You can contact the CFTC by sending an email to secretary@cftc.gov with "Regulation of Retail Forex" in the subject line. While doing so please CC: cftcfeedback@fxdd.com.

If you have any additional questions or concerns feel free to contact me.

Regards,


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From: joe greiner <jgreiner117@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 8:43 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

forex industry is to set maximum leverage to 10:1 for retail forex traders in the US...

In my opinion, this is a case of "over regulation," and that "education" for traders is a better solution so that the few who don't know what they're doing with leverage doesn't ruin it for the rest of us who do. The United States of America is the land of the free, where each forex trader should be able to make their own educated decisions about their money and take responsibility for their own actions, right?? Right!!??

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From: Janna Thompson <jkt1961@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 9:20 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: □Regulation of Retail Forex□

Date: February 9, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Janna Thompson and I am just learning how to trade on the Foreign Exchange. In fact, I am still just trading on a Demo account and am looking forward to the time I can go live. I hope you reconsider changing the leverage from 100:1 to 10:1 limitation. It will greatly curtail the individual investor. Please leave the leverage at 100:1 limitation.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,
Janna Thompson

From: GERALDINE LOWE <irishman607@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 9:46 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: MARGIN REQUIREMENTS

SIRS;

INREGARD TO YOUR PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE ABOVE PLEASE NOTE IT AINT BROKE
SO YOU DON'T NEED TO FIX IT.

SINCERELY

LEW KILLEN

From: byron griffith <brgriffith@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 10:24 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

CFTC:

As I understand the text of the section of the new rules published by the CFTC under Part 4, paragraph 4.12 "Exemptions from provisions of part 4", it would effectively limit leverage in retail forex transactions to 10:1. I am writing to voice my strong opposition to this rule change.

There are many retail forex traders like myself who do not have the capital to increase our accounts 10-fold in order to keep trading successfully in the forex market. I understand that many retail traders, especially those new to the market, have lost enormous sums of money for a variety of reasons including inexperience, lack of training, and poor risk management. The proposed rule change would help protect imprudent traders from risking too much capital in the forex market. However, it would also limit the ability of prudent traders to be successful in the forex market. Additionally, this rule change would force many small account traders like myself out of the market altogether, while allowing the large account holders to continue trading. Worst of all, this rule change would eliminate one of the last markets available to small investors/traders in the US who do not have the capital or desire to trade in other markets.

Please understand I do not hold my position on the rule changes because I have been enormously successful in forex trading. I have not been. I have lost some money. But I know the risks involved, my trading performance is steadily improving, and I see this as an opportunity to supplement my income in one of the worst economies the US has experienced since the Great Depression. I do not need or want the federal government to limit my ability to participate in the retail forex market in order to protect me from myself. Furthermore, the vast majority of my fellow small-account traders feel the same way. In fact, I have yet to hear a single vote of support for the proposed rule changes.

Therefore, I urge the CFTC to eliminate the proposed rule change specified above and allow retail forex traders to continue to decide for themselves how best to manage their own capital.

Sincerely,

Byron Griffith

From: Phillip Mitchell <phimitch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 10:29 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

This is nothing more than the government using it's power to drive out the small guy to make room for big business. IF IT IS NOT BROKEN DO NOT FIX IT!

Sincerely,

Phillip "One Of The Small Guy's" Mitchell

From: jacknavin@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 10:47 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: CFTC Regulation of Retail Forex

I am against your new regulations.

I am a small Forex trader . I recognize the risk I am taking when making a trade.
I could not afford trading within your new leverage/margin requirements.

I feel that your bill is an intrusion into my rights. The entrepreneurial risk taken is mine, not yours.

J. Navin
Charleston, SC

From: ERHABOR.GODWIN@springbankplc.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 11:03 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: REGULATION OF RETAIL FOREX

I AM USING THIS MEDIUM TO APPEAL TO THE USE GOVERNMENT AND THE EGULATORY AUTHORITIES TO USE THEIR GOOD OFFICE, AND LET US (RETAIL TRADERS) BE AND NOT TO BE A STUMBLING BLOCK FOR US WHO WANT TO MAKE A CARREER OUT OF FOREX TRADING. IF YOU LOOK AT THE WHOLE NATION TODAY THERE IS CHAOS EVERYWHERE, YOU CANNOT FIND ANY JOB TO DO OUT THERE, LET ME ASK IS THE US GOVT HELPING US BY CUTTING US OUT FROM INVESTING WITH OUR LITTLE FUND, OR WORSENING THE MATTER ALLTOGETHER.

i am begging you all concern citizens to pls stand up for your right,by saying no to injustice.

thank you, and God bless you all.

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From: Peter Beardsley <peterbeardsley1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 11:16 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Cc: Gabriel Forest <forestgabe@gmail.com>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

Dear CFTC,

In reference to the proposed regulation of retail forex to reduce leverage from 100:1 to 10:1.

RIM 3038-AC61

I would like to voice my opposition to this move.

I see that you are aiming to protect the public from the market, however I would say that this is impossible to do. The trader who trades unsuccessfully @ 10-1 leverage will lose his money just as the one leveraged at 100-1. The only difference is that the less leveraged trader will lose his money at a slower rate.

Success in this business is based on protecting capital. If this is the skill you want retail traders to develop, then why don't you impose a regulation where as new traders are limited to a reduced amount of leverage for a trial period and work with retail brokers to build software that communicates risk and track record on a regular basis to the novice.

Reducing leverage punishes the successful traders, creates a barrier for intermediate traders by increasing the cost of business (traders will have to cough up more money to trade) and it gives the brokers more of our money to secure their business.

As the economy as it is, retail trading has opened the door for people to build a profession where the industry was much more exclusive.

Please reconsider this policy and its implications on the retail investor.

Peter Beardsley
FX Trader

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From: Burt Hicks <burthicks@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 11:21 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Cc: moderator@dailyfx.com
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

Gentlemen:

Further tightening of margin requirements in the forex markets will only favor control of currency exchange by governments, large banks and other financial institutions. They are the ones who need to be more highly regulated, if you believe that speculators are to blame for our financial woes.

The current ratios allow us, the public, to participate in preserving our new worth by following -- or even predicting -- moves by various governments that would otherwise destroy savings, etc. And of course, speculators provide the liquidity necessary for risk sharing by larger companies, etc.

Please don't blame the janitor when the CEO miscalculates.

Sanford H. Hicks

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From: THIEN LE <ltt.charity@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 11:46 AM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

As a retail trader, I am very disappointed with the intention to impose new regulations on the Forex U.S industry with a proposal of applying 10% margin requirement or 10:1 leverage. This proposal remind me about the command economy in an undeveloped country where regulators decide and want the economy runs in their bended directions. I can see the impact of the proposal shall be:

- a) a reverse to free market economy
- b) the finance market shall be died under commands

Though I was educated to start trading FX, with this proposal, I can never start my own invesment decision !

Suggested by: ltt.charity@gmail.com

From: Jim Cross <jimatcrossfarm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 12:33 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Strongly object to 10:1 leverage limit in regulation of retail forex proposal RJN 3038-AC61

Attn : David Stawick, Secretary, CFTC and ALL CFTC policymakers:

As a non-affiliated US-based Retail FX trader, please note for the record that I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to the 10-1 leverage limit as proposed in RIN 3038-AC61 relating to the Regulation of Retail Forex.

Counter-productive effects

This senseless limit would in NO way protect, aid or benefit me but rather would greatly harm me since this restriction, if passed,

- would require that I submit substantially more margin-funds into non-protected, non-FDIC insured, non-SIPC eligible accounts, actually exposing me to increased risk in the event of bankruptcy of my Forex Broker.
- would NOT divert my business into regulated-Futures trading (as the CFTC is probably hoping), but rather would cause me to seek an unreliable, higher-risk offshore FX broker to trade through, whose practices might be questionable.
- would eliminate one of the greatest benefits of trading Forex : My ability to efficiently deploy my own trading capital in the way that I choose.

Lower FX vols require far greater leverage

FX volatilities are generally substantially lower than in the Equities or Futures market. Therefore, significantly more leverage is required simply to capture equivalent trading opportunities.

Nanny not needed

I do not want the CFTC to treat me like a child and dictate how I should trade. While 100-1 leverage is available to me ☐ should I choose it ☐ I am never forced to use it. The bottom line is that OTC Retail Forex trading is NOT Futures trading. Please do not try to treat it as such!

PLEASE IMMEDIATELY STRIKE YOUR PROPOSED 10-1 LEVERAGE LIMITATIONS.

Don't let proposal RIN 3038-AC61 become an expensive lesson in unintended consequences.

Thank you

Submitted sincerely and with great respect,

James Cross

From: Flora Anderson <floraanderson@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 12:43 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

C/O: CFTC

I strongly advise against further regulation of the amount of leverage available to U.S. retail customers at this time.

Last year a number of changes were implemented including a decrease in the amount of available leverage. It is my opinion that further changes are not required for the following reasons:

1. In the first place, forex was not responsible for the decrease in stock values in U.S. and other markets. The problem was tied to public perception as a result of cheap loans made available to unqualified homebuyers, the loans then packaged and traded as complex derivatives. As the economy as a whole went through a weakening cycle, the homeowners began to default on their loans. This in turn had an effect on the aforementioned derivatives markets that in turn led to capitulation from the highest levels achieved in the equity markets.
2. As an economy of hard working americans, we are an open and free society that benefits from free trade. By imposing additional restrictions on the forex market, this freedom will be reduced substantially. Much tax generating revenue will be lost as fewer entities will continue to trade, thus requiring fewer employees to provide analysis, customer service, computer related services, accounting, legal, and so on. With this hole in the economy created an extended economy will no longer exist as these employees will no longer be in existence within the current capacities, resulting in a further expanding domino effect within an already weakened overall economy.
3. By imposing additional leverage limitations, less liquidity will exist within the forex markets, thus making it possible for unscrupulous nations to manipulate currencies against the free world.
4. Among, the U.S. retail forex traders who remain in forex, many will be forced to trade overseas where these restrictions are not as imposing. This will mean that money once held in U.S. banks and once generating taxable interest to the U.S. treasury will no longer do so. Additionally, U.S. retail customers trading overseas may be more apt to have funds sitting with firms that are not necessarily as safe as at home, though many of the foreign dealers are substantial trustworthy firms.

Please do not impose any additional financial or leverage regulations on U.S. Retail Forex customers.

Sincerely,

James Anderson Jr

From: EDDIE KNOESEN <teknoesen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 1:58 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: "Regulation of Retail Forex"

Hi Mr secretary.

Just a quick note to inform you that if you are going forward with your proposed leverage amendment from 100:1 to 10:1, regret I will move all my funds to a UK broker as it will not be worth my while trading at this leverage.

Think the choice of risk should be the individuals and not governing body.

Rgds

Eddie Knoesen

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From: Darrell Newton <rocknme@juno.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 2:52 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

I'm an investor in foreign currency through a U.S. dealer. I am very concerned about the proposed rules from the CFTC. The CFTC's recent ruleproposal, which would limit customer trading leverage to 10 to 1, would be a crippling blow to the U.S. forex industry. This unsustainable rule would drive U.S. forex dealers, which brings tens of millions of dollars into the U.S. banking industry each day, offshore into the hands of foreign competitors. It would encourage fraud both at home and abroad as customers seeking to trade retail forex would have no other legitimate domestic alternative. As an investor, I would be forced to take my business outside of the United States.

This auto generated reply reflects my concerns completely..thank you Darrell

Darrell Newton
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rocknme@juno.com

From: Steve Brown <steve.brown.b@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 3:22 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Change in forex margin requirements

This proposal will do nothing to eliminate potential losses, all it will do is restrict access to the forex markets and reduce liquidity. Being an active trader, I can tell you than it would greatly reduce my personal participation and discourage most retail investors.

Regards,

Steve Brown
502-619-4012

From: Cedric Lee <yb4x03@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 3:27 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: ☐ Regulation of Retail Forex ☐

RIN 3038-AC61

hello my name is Cedric and i am currently learning forex and i think that i would hurt a lot of people such as myself if you changed the ruling from 100:1 leverage to 10:1 it would change the way forex is traded and it would hurt people like me who don't have millions of dollars or thousands to invest so i ask that you please keep the leverage at 100:1 again please and thanks for your time

From: ray eldered <rayeldred@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 3:44 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

Dear sir or ma'am,

I grow weary of the government and regulators trying to protect me from myself. After 50 years of life I have the common sense to know what I can and cannot afford to do financially and I am a strong supporter of less government interference in my daily life. This appears to be one more governmental exercise in controlling the general populace to keep them from having any recourse to build personal wealth in a manner the current administration does not approve of...ie. government issued bonds to bail out the countries huge debt amassed through social programs and the socialistic bent of our current administration. I am a capitalist pure and simple. What I make and how I make it should not be regulated out of existence as long as it is not a immoral or illegal activity. This country was built by capitalists not social agendas that serve no purpose other than to over burden the middle class and make them give away what they earned through their own motivation.

Sincerely Raymond Eldred

PS if this passes it is just one more example of big government

From: lewglenn@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 3:51 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Proposed new rule on FOREX leverage

I am wholly in favor of the proposed new rule to limit leverage on currency trades to 10:1. Ignore the squeals from the FOREX dealers and do the right thing.

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Lewis A. Glenn
Danville, CA

From: Tom Hamilton <tom.linkedin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 4:01 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Cc: Stawick, David <dstawick@CFTC.gov>; Smith, Thomas J. <tsmith@CFTC.gov>; Bauer, Jennifer <JBauer@CFTC.gov>; Penner, William <WPenner@CFTC.gov>; Cummings, Christopher W. <ccummings@CFTC.gov>; Sanchez, Peter <PSanchez@CFTC.gov>
Subject: STRONGLY OBJECT TO 10-1 LEVERAGE LIMIT IN REGULATION OF RETAIL FOREX - PROPOSAL RIN 3038-AC61

Attn : David Stawick, Secretary, CFTC and ALL CFTC policymakers:

As a non-affiliated US-based Retail FX trader, please note for the record that I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to the 10-1 leverage limit as proposed in RIN 3038-AC61 relating to the Regulation of Retail Forex.

Counter-productive effects

This senseless limit would in NO way protect, aid or benefit me but rather would greatly harm me since this restriction, if passed,

- would require that I submit substantially more margin-funds into non-protected, non-FDIC insured, non-SIPC eligible accounts, actually exposing me to increased risk in the event of bankruptcy of my Forex Broker.
- would NOT divert my business into regulated-Futures trading (as the CFTC is probably hoping), but rather would cause me to seek an unreliable, higher-risk offshore FX broker to trade through, whose practices might be questionable.
- would eliminate one of the greatest benefits of trading Forex : My ability to efficiently deploy my own trading capital in the way that I choose.
- **would result in a significant loss of jobs and dollars for the US economy.** I would very likely take my money and business to a broker in Europe, hurting our economy and boosting theirs.

Lower FX vols require far greater leverage

FX volatilities are generally substantially lower than in the Equities or Futures market. Therefore, significantly more leverage is required simply to capture equivalent trading opportunities.

Proposed Margin regulation is unnecessary, restrictive and goes against the values of our country.

While 100-1 leverage is available to me – should I choose it – I am never forced to use it. The bottom line is that OTC Retail Forex trading is NOT Futures trading. Please do not try to treat it as such!

The change you propose is NOT in line with the free market economy that is one of the most valued aspects of this country.

PLEASE IMMEDIATELY STRIKE YOUR PROPOSED 10-1 LEVERAGE LIMITATIONS.

Don't let proposal RIN 3038-AC61 become an expensive lesson in unintended consequences.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tom Hamilton

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From: jason mills <grastaka@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 4:13 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

Hi,

I am staunchly against the changes for the proposed margin changes:

"CFTC enforces 100:1 leverage (a 1% margin requirement) to open and maintain a position on a forex transaction. With the 10:1 leverage proposed, retail traders would be subject to a 10% margin requirement. "

Your not helping the little guy out. Your giving the Entire Market to the Market Makers by taking the ability to play out of the average persons hands. Its a double whammy. This change throws 2 fast balls at the market.

A) Your killing the market by taking what ever symbalance of measure the little guy has out of the picture

B) Your giving the Market to the people with power and money who can afford to manipulate the market.

Furthermore: Your eliminating the ability for someone to open a small account and grow / learn

Please do not take this measure. Your allowing "Dealing Desk" platforms to run rabbid amongst brokers to STEAL peoples money??? You do nothing about this... instead you take the little guy out of the picture completely to "save us?"

If you do anything, tighten the grip's on the brokers and eliminate thier ability to OPEN MANIPULATE THE MARKET!!!

Sincerely,

Jason B Mills
Zion, IL

PS What the heck are you thinking? The brokers must be paying you ... to STEAL MORE of the common mans money....

From: sweetand kind4u <la_bas_ai@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 4:44 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: regulation of retail forex

RIN 3038-AC61

Doing this would take me out of froex as Im a beginner.
Elaine

Hotmail: Free, trusted and rich email service. [Get it now.](#)

From: Greatestsale, Inc. (Alex) <alex@greatestsale.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 5:16 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

Dear CFTC,

I am a retail forex trader in the United States, and am currently enjoying the service and safety of trading with a domestic broker. I am strongly opposed to the new 10:1 leverage rules. They are extremely restrictive and will force a lot of jobs and tax dollars out of the United States. If this rule is passed I will surely take my money to a foreign country where they have more reasonable rules. I hope the current 100:1 leverage is kept as is, since it is reasonable for profit and safe at the same time. If you cannot make money with the current leverage you don't deserve to trade.

Thanks
Alex

From: joseph lam <lamx0009@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 5:25 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

Hi,

I am writing in concerning the propose regulation of limiting retail forex leverage to 1:10. I find this as an invasion of freedom and overregulation. It should be up to the majority of educated and informed investors to decide the amount of leverage needed for their trading purposes. As long as risks are well-disclosed and investors are well-informed, higher leveraging can actually facilitate as innovative financial instruments and become part of a creative solution in the mix of investor's tool bag. Limiting choices, freedom and dictating the demands of every financial citizens is not fair. It's not fair for the higher educated and/or more competent citizens to pay the price of protecting investors at the lowest demonator of financial knowledge. (It's better to force, for example, forex dealers to disclose more, such as trails of every transactions- including those that are betting against their clients - whether they are for maintaining risks or liquidity..., having clients pass exams or get license..., if realistically possible, etc.) Macro-economically speaking, more choices provide long term stablizing effects. If goods and services are not good or provide values to society, they die down as part of business evolution eventually, unless there are malpractive involved or they pry on the weak. Nonetheless, having goverment, agency involved in deciding how to better provide and run businesses is not good. There are better ways.

Regards,
Joe

From: Robert Russo <robrusso@optonline.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 6:58 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
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I'm an investor in foreign currency through a U.S. dealer. I am very concerned about the proposed rules from the CFTC. The CFTC's recent rule proposal, which would limit customer trading leverage to 10 to 1, would be a crippling blow to the U.S. forex industry. This unsustainable rule would drive U.S. forex dealers, which brings tens of millions of dollars into the U.S. banking industry each day, offshore into the hands of foreign competitors. It would encourage fraud both at home and abroad as customers seeking to trade retail forex would have no other legitimate domestic alternative. As an investor, I would be forced to take my business outside of the United States.

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From: WandoNKat@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 7:08 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

I think the proposed change of Forex leverage from 100:1 to 10:1 for all NFA and CFTC regulated Forex firms is unfair to US citizens. In order to keep the Forex leverage of 100:1 I would be required to transfer my accounts to a foreign firm. I prefer to trade in the US so we can all benefit.

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From: CAMPOS FAMILY <camposfamily@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 7:56 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

Your proposed new regulations are onerous and unjustified. All you will be doing is forcing small retail accounts like mine to move to a UK based firm.

From: Charlene Hopkins <cjhopkins@rconnects.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 7:57 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: RIN 3038-AC61

This e-mail is to let you know that I do NOT want the regulation concerning leverage for forex accounts to change from 100:1 to 10:1. While I understand some greedy people who do not learn how to trade before losing their money can lose all of their money and cry to the government, I believe that that was their choice and their problem. We do not need anymore regulations I believe a person has the responsibility to learn how to do something before using all their money and I personally do not want to keep having my choices taken away because of others not being responsible. You have already taken away the ability to put on an overnight trade that has stop entries in both directions. This hurts people like me who are never in a hedge but had one trade canceled or stopped out before the other triggered and never hedged in the first place. This is just another example of government deciding what is good for us.

Thank You,
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From: Yee Wah Low <lowyeewah@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 10:28 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
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Dear Sir,

Please do not impose the leverage to 10:1.

TQ
YW Low

From: Peg Bunke <pbunke@rcn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 11:56 PM
To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
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I appreciate your efforts to strengthen the safety of our US financial institutions. It is something I expect our government to do, and in the recent past it has fallen short of my expectations.

One thing I don't appreciate, though, is this regulation's attempt to reduce the leverage available in the retail forex market.

I trade the forex market. I use risk management to reduce my risk of unexpected large losses. I use stop losses on every trade and move the stop losses up as my trades become profitable. Yes, I have losses. I expect them. You cannot trade in any market without losses, but you can be profitable regardless of account size if you use proper self-imposed risk management.

To reduce leverage to such an extent would limit the availability of trading this market to those who are relatively wealthy or those who risk placing their accounts with a foreign broker. US brokers will lose business, and some of us will incur the added risk of placing our accounts with foreign brokers, where our money may not be as secure.

I have a relatively small forex account, but I am able to make enough to supplement my pension and pay my monthly bills. I have been trading this market for a long time and do quite well. Why would you take that ability away from me?

People who trade are adults. Adults assume responsibility for their decisions. Brokers should be encouraged to educate their new forex traders so they understand the risks in trading this market. One look at the market swings over unexpected news should be enough to convince anyone that you must exercise proper risk management. If the market moves very fast, there can be slippage when your stops are passed. But how much to risk in this market should be the trader's decision, not the government's.

Please rethink this idea about the reduced leverage for everyone. Instead, consider educating the new forex trader. Require some time demo trading the market and perhaps a few months of trading live with reduced leverage before the new trader can opt to use the higher leverage. If the real concern is about the money being made on the very large trades, reduce the leverage on those trades.

Margaret Bunke